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Page 2: General Information

Q1 Please enter the name of your county.

JASPER

Q2 Enter name of CHC chair who managed 2018 work. If you have "co-chairs," pick the one individual who knows the most about what the CHC accomplishes and can be the one point of contact for our agency.

Name of 2018 CHC chair	Linda G. Primrose
Chair's address	712 North Austin St., Jasper, TX 75951
Other phone number for chair	409-384-4896
Email address for chair	jaspercountyhc@yahoo.com

Q3 Contact info for individual filling out report IF OTHER THAN CHAIR. This is who we will contact with questions about reporting answers.

Name of individual filling out report	John Johnson
His/her email address AND telephone number	jaspercountyhc@yahoo.com 409-658-4241 (cell) 409-384-8901 (home)

Page 3: CHC Volunteer Hours

Q4 How many volunteer hours were contributed in 2018? Please enter numbers only for your answer--webpage will NOT advance if you enter punctuation, symbols or text. If you do not keep track of hours, enter an approximate number of hours. Enter the number "0" if your CHC is inactive.	Volunteer hours	1728
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Q5 Provide the total number of CHC appointees serving in the 2018 year of service. Please enter numbers only for your answer; webpage will not advance if you enter punctuation, symbols or text.	# of CHC appointees	16
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Q6 Provide any comments/clarifications about the volunteer hours you entered above. Please skip this question if you have no comments/clarifications.

1. Historical Survey Review-Continued review and update of old county historical survey.
2. Archives, Library, Museum-Located in Old Jail, our facility open 11:30am-4:30pm, Tue.-Fri.
3. THC Historical Marker Program-Facilitate, provide research and communication for this program.
4. THC Historic Texas Cemetery Program-Facilitate, provide research for this program.
5. Two annual festivals-Give tours of old jail & courthouse. Give historical presentation to visitors.
6. Conferences-Attended two out of town and sponsored one locally. Presented at all three.
7. Presentation at meeting of John Bevil Chapter of Daughters of the Republic of Texas in Jasper.
8. Community Outreach-We will visit and/or talk with anyone about our organization or county history. Maintain Face Book page.
9. Genealogy & Research services-Provide these services for anyone who visits, calls or emails .
10. Research & Author book about Jasper County WWII Deaths.
11. Reorganize and inventory archive collections and library. Itemize each collection and create digital files.

Page 4: CHC Meetings and Appointee Participation

Q7 Indicate the number of full commission meetings your CHC held in 2018. Both items below must be answered using numbers only; do not use punctuation, symbols or text. Enter the number "0" in both boxes, if your CHC did not meet.

CHC full commission meetings in 2018	11
CHC committee meetings in 2018	3

Q8 Check the circle next to the percentage that best reflects how often a QUORUM was present for your full commission meetings in 2018. A majority of appointees must be present at a meeting to constitute a QUORUM. Clicking a circle places a check the circle; clicking again will uncheck the circle.

100% of full commission meetings made quorum

Page 5: CHC Meetings and Appointee Participation (continued)

Q9 Check the percentage that best reflects the number of CHC appointees who have completed Open Meetings training.

1-25% of our CHC appointees have taken Open Meetings training

Page 6: CHC Financial Information

Q10 Which serves as the repository for CHC money? Check each answer that applies to your CHC.

County treasury

Q11 Enter the amount of money provided to your CHC next to each line item. Use numbers for the DOLLAR amount; please round up to the nearest dollar when necessary. Do not use symbols or text; commas and decimals are considered to be symbols. Each box requires an amount; enter the number "0" if no monies are associated with the line item.

Balance carried over from 2017:	16263
Annual county allocation for 2018 (not including money for museums):	750
County money allotted for museums in 2018 (passing through CHC):	0
Any other money issued by county during 2018 (one-time amount for a special project, etc.):	0
CHC fundraising proceeds (events, book sales, etc.) during 2018:	714
Grant money provided to CHC in 2018:	0
Partner/nonprofit money donations made in 2018:	5000
"Membership" dues (though not recommended, some CHCs do request dues):	0
Any other money amounts for 2018 not already included above; DO NOT include CHC appointee out-of-pocket expenses.	102

Q12 Provide any clarifications about above amounts; skip question if you have no comments.

Three accounts: 1. General Fund-Operating 2. Old Courthouse Restoration Fund 3. G.W. Smythe Cemetery Fund which can only be used for cemetery maintenance.
 Donations: One time donation from a non-profit organization.

Q13 If your county employs an individual as a CHC liaison or as some other support position, please let us know if his/her salary comes out of the CHC county allocation or from some other budgetary line item. Also, let us know what responsibilities have been assigned to this individual. FYI--This information is frequently requested by CHCs.

None

Q14 If your CHC receives in-kind donations, check each in-kind item below that was given to your CHC in 2018. SKIP QUESTION if your CHC doesn't accept in-kind donations.

Meeting and/or office space for CHC,

Space for a CHC-operated ,
museum

Space for a CHC-sponsored exhibit (history, projects,
photographs, etc.)
,

Space for archive or records ,
storage

Utilities associated with any spaces mentioned above,

Exterior maintenance or heavy ,
equipment

Assistance from county staff--posting meetings,
financial reports, legal consultations, etc.
,

Professional expertise of county staff (for any
subject/need)
,

Internet access,

Any other professional service or
advice

Page 8: Planning CHC Projects and Programs

Q15 A work plan defines project tasks, participants, time estimates, and a schedule. Check the option that best reflects how often is your CHC work plan updated.

Updated after each CHC
meeting

Q16 Check each of the parties who participates in your CHC planning process.

CHC chair,

CHC ,
officers

CHC ,
appointees

County judge,

County commissioners

Page 9: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory

Q17 If your CHC has performed work associated with formal cultural and historic resource survey, please explain survey work completed in 2018 in the box below. Include work to initiate or maintain surveys. Skip question if no survey work.

While performing historical marker survey we are also looking at condition of subject, site, building, etc.

Page 10: Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory (continued)

Q18 Check the work items in which your CHC was actively involved during 2018.	Reviewed applications for historical MARKERS	,
	Maintain an inventory of subject MARKERS in your county	,
	Periodically assess the condition of subject MARKERS in your county	,
	Provided an inventory of subject MARKERS for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)	,
	Maintain an inventory of properties that are DESIGNATED by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic (i.e., National Register, Historic Texas Cemetery, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, or State Archeological Landmark)	,
	Maintain an inventory of CEMETERIES in your county	,
	Cleaned or repaired objects in CEMETERIES	,
	Provided an inventory of CEMETERIES for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)	,
	Compared THC's current inventory of ROSENWALD schools with your county inventory	

Page 11: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 2: Emphasize Cultural Landscapes

<p>Q19 Check the box next to each work item in which your CHC was actively involved during 2018.</p>	<p>Identified and/or researched areas of development within your county that could impact cultural and historic resources</p> <p>,</p> <p>Identified and/or researched historic highways, roads, and trails in your county</p> <p>,</p> <p>Identified and/or researched historic bridges and/or bridge types in your county</p> <p>,</p> <p>Identified and/or researched waterways, dams, irrigation districts, etc. in your county</p> <p>,</p> <p>Provide general comments on above work if you'd like.:</p> <p>We maintain research files on these subjects. We do not have formal presentation media established for these subjects. These files will be part of our historical survey update project.</p>
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<p>Q20 Check the box next to each work item in which your CHC was actively involved during 2018.</p>	<p>Comment on proposed or ongoing changes to above properties. :</p> <p>No specific work done in this area.</p>
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Page 12: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 3: Implement Policies and Incentives

<p>Q21 Check the box next to each of the comments that apply to your CHC's 2018 body of work.</p>	<p>CHC participated in community planning activities to ensure historic and cultural resources were considered when development or zoning is discussed by city officials</p> <p>,</p> <p>Tell us more about your CHC's involvement in the areas checked above. Skip commenting if no boxes are checked.:</p> <p>We have not participated in any planning meetings this year. We do, however, maintain contact with those who have begun street improvements for downtown revitalization project. We have received updates from TXDot concerning the US Hwy. 190 project. We have provided information about historic sites to those installing communications towers.</p>
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Q22 Check the box if the statement applies to your CHC.

If your CHC has a review and/or recommendation role, please enter your county and explain the extent of your review authority for COUNTY historic tax exemptions or incentives.:

 No historic tax exemption or incentive offered in our county.

Page 13: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 4: Leverage Economic Development Tools for Preservation

Q23 Check the box for each work item in which your CHC was actively involved in 2018.

Promoted historic and cultural sites to develop and sustain heritage tourism initiatives

Tell us a bit more about your CHC's involvement in the areas you have checked above.:

 Anytime we host a conference or give tours we promote our cultural and historic sites. We try to tell the story of our county's role in Texas history whenever we can. We refer visitors to visit other historical entities such as museums and historic homes. We share historical information with other entities such as libraries, museums, etc.

Page 14: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 5: Learn and Experience History through Place

Q24 Check the box for each work item in which your CHC was actively involved in 2018.

Provided educational events/presentations/info on historic preservation and local history to audiences outside your CHC

Participated in a regional preservation or tourism event (Texas Archeology Month event, Preservation Month event, history conference, cultural heritage festival, etc.)

Provided tours of a HISTORIC COURTHOUSE in your county

Provided tours of other historic buildings and/or sites within the county

CHC managed a historic site that is open to the public at large

Q25 List events in which your CHC was involved that are associated with boxes checked above. Provide details for selected activities in the Project Description section at the end of this report.

1. Furnish information from our archives to local museum, chamber of commerce and the media.
2. Maintain contact with downtown revitalization group in the City of Jasper.
3. Continue being a resource for TXDot projects with regard to historic preservation.
4. Support city and county governments with any information we have to offer when asked.
5. Gave presentations at historical events in Lufkin, TX and Newton, TX as well as in our own county.
6. We focus on the young folks when giving historical presentations and displays at our archives during festivals.
7. Conduct tours of county courthouse and old jail during festivals and throughout the year.
8. We maintain our archives in the old county jail on the courthouse square and open it to the public twenty scheduled hours each week and at other times by request.

Page 15: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 6: Connect Preservation to Related Fields

Q26 Partnering is more than just attending meetings of other organizations. Effective partnerships build a stronger and more diverse preservation community. Check each of the individuals and organizations with which your CHC partnered during 2018.

County officials

City officials

Local law enforcement

Libraries,

Museums,

Cemetery organizations,

Other nonprofit organizations not already listed above (societies, associations, etc.)

Chambers of commerce / downtown business association

Page 16: Goal 6: Connect Preservation to Related Fields (continued)

Q27 Check the boxes that reflect your CHC's role with museums.

CHC appointees volunteer with museum/s

CHC operates a museum

CHC appointees sit on board of a county museum

Q28 Enter your county name and provide the name and location for each of the museums your CHC operates. Please skip this question if your CHC does not operate museums.

Jasper County Historical Commission Archives, Library, Museum located at 138 E. Houston St., Jasper, TX 75951.
Commission member is on board of Jasper County Historical Museum (a private organization).

Q29 When considering your overall workload, check the range that applies to your CHC. **1-25% of CHC time spent on museum related work**

Page 17: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment

Q30 Check each way your CHC officially reported 2018 activities to your county officials.

Met with the county judge ,

Met with county commissioners ,

Submitted CHC meeting minutes,

Submitted CHC bylaws,

Provided suggested CHC appointments,

Plan to present summary of 2018 accomplishments to commissioners court in early 2019

Page 18: Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment (continued)

Q31 Check the elected officials that your CHC regularly invited to events and activities in 2018.

County judge,

County commissioners,

School board members ,

Law enforcement officials ,

State legislators

Q32 Please enter your county name and the names of elected officials who attended one or more of your CHC events in 2018. Skip this question if no elected officials attended your events.

State Representative James White (Dist. 19), County Judge Mark Allen, County Commissioner Roy Parker, School Board Member Laquin Hilderbrand, School Board Member Stephanie Martindale.

Page 19: Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment (continued)

<p>Q33 Check the activities and communications undertaken by your CHC in 2018 in support of Texas history and preservation.</p>	<p>Issued information to the public at large--newsletters, email, press releases, etc.</p> <p>,</p> <p>Submitted articles and/or letters to media outlets</p> <p>Invited key decision-makers to celebratory preservation events</p> <p>,</p> <p>Worked with preservation nonprofits who advocate for specific projects</p> <p>,</p> <p>Worked with preservation nonprofits who advocate for preservation in general</p> <p>,</p> <p>Had face-to-face discussions with state legislators</p>
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Page 20: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community

<p>Q34 Check all of the ways in which your CHC tried to improve appointee participation in 2018.</p>	<p>Initiated projects to diversify CHC membership</p> <p>Provided educational presentations for your CHC appointees</p> <p>,</p> <p>Used the THC website information to educate appointees</p>
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<p>Q35 If you ATTENDED a CHC regional meeting in 2018, please indicate:-- the counties that participated (including your county);-- topics or themes discussed; and -- how many times you have met formally as a group over the years.Please skip if the question does not apply to your CHC.</p>	<p>Respondent skipped this question</p>
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Q36 Please list workshops that your CHC hosted in 2018, including information on the educational topic. Providing this information enables our staff to know more about your interests. Skip if the question does not apply to your CHC.

1. Hosted a genealogical/history conference along with the Angelina Genealogical Society of Lufkin, TX. The conference was held at our courthouse annex with visitors from surrounding counties and guest speakers from Stephen F. Austin Univ., Angelina College and other CHCs/organizations.

Q37 Reflecting 2018 activity, enter the number of CHC appointees who attended a training offered by the organization listed. Please use numbers only; do not use text or symbols.	Local/regional historical association educational opportunity	2
	Any other history-related opportunity that was offered locally/regionally	15

Page 22: Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community (continued)

Q38 Check the ways in which your CHC made concerted efforts in 2018 to improve work relative to previous years.	CHC planning,	
	Bylaws,	
	Membership and attendance	,
	Community outreach to adults	,
	Presence of CHC and/or county history on Internet	,
	Relationship with county commissioners court	,
	Initiated a new CHC project	,
	Improved an ongoing effort	

Page 23: Project Description #1 (of 3) for CHC work from 2018

Q39 Project Description #1 (of 3)—Share ONE project, effort, or service that resulted in a preservation and/or protection outcome. Projects may include, but are not limited to, building rehabilitations, site clean-ups, digitization of archival documents, oral history, etc. Please do not include marker efforts here. Description must include the following information to illustrate the nature of efforts involved: -- your county name-- describe project, effort, or service and your CHC's role in event/effort-- note partners and community involvement in planning and/or implementation-- impact of the project/effort/service—improvements made, public benefit, etc.

Jasper County Historical Commission

In 2018 we continued working to update the historical survey of our county. In doing so we identified the need to reorganize our archives, but our facility had a lot of old furniture and display shelves taking up floor space and preventing proper archiving of our collections. We discovered the availability of shelving units being removed from the courthouse and seized the opportunity for improvement.

We created a floor plan, made a request and got approval for the project from the county judge. He also gave us as many of the shelving units as we needed and labor to help us remove old storage units and install the new shelving. We purchased new acid free boxes and other archival containers and began reorganizing our collections. We are itemizing and creating a digital inventory of each collection.

We are also updating our "donated by" and "on loan by" records.

This project has greatly improved access to collections and made research in our facility much easier.

Many items are now properly archived and itemized and work on this continues. We have set up a desk so a researcher can sit and review collections without interfering with library research.

While itemizing the collections we have discovered several documents and photographs of special historic value. We are considering the best way to preserve and display them.

Page 24: Project Description #2 (of 3) for CHC work from 2018

Q40 Project Description #2 (of 3)—Share ONE project, effort, or service that was focused on educating the citizens of your county and/or celebrating history with the citizens of your county. Description must include the following information to illustrate the nature of efforts involved: -- your county name-- describe project, effort, or service and your CHC's role in event/effort-- note partners and community involvement in planning and/or implementation-- impact of the event/effort/service—attendance, improvements made, public benefit, etc.

Jasper County Historical Commission

We sponsored a genealogical/historical conference with speakers from various organizations, including Stephen F. Austin University and Angelina College.

We partnered with the Angelina County Genealogical Society to hold this conference. We held the event in our courthouse annex, furnished the power point presentation setup and our county maintenance crew set up the chairs and tables. We furnished refreshments and arranged for lunch at a local historic hotel. Advertisement was handled by both us and the Angelina County Genealogical Society with we emailed our contacts in surrounding counties.

The conference was a success and had out of town attendees along with our local attendees. The presentations were well received and the Stephen F. Austin University representative passed on information about their research facility that was of particular interest.

One of our commission members made a presentation concerning research of WWII death records.

Several of our commission members were on hand to assist with setup, refreshments and registration. We passed on information about our local attractions and historical sites with brochures.

Page 25: Project Description #3 (of 3) for CHC work from 2018

Q41 Project Description #3 (of 3)— Share ONE project, effort, or service that educated and/or celebrated history and was promoted to people OUTSIDE of your county. A heritage tourism effort may be described here. Description must include the following information to illustrate the nature of efforts involved: -- your county name-- describe project, effort, or service and your CHC's role in event/effort-- note partners and community involvement in planning and/or implementation-- impact of the event/effort/service—attendance, improvements made, public benefit, etc.

Jasper County Historical Commission

We were contacted by the producers of the PBS series "Finding Your Roots" concerning an episode they were researching. We were asked if we could provide information about descendants of the person being researched along with photographs, etc. We gladly took on this project because it opens a window into the post-civil war era of our county. We identified descendants and arranged interviews, visited and photographed cemeteries, and provided insight for the producers concerning historical, social and demographic aspects of Jasper County. We researched our archives and other county records for details on this subject.

Different members of our community offered insight and information to help us understand the genealogical connections within the families being researched. They offered various details about the era following the civil war that had bearing on this research.

This research project was exciting and educational. It has allowed us to build a file for future reference by the public. The airing of this episode of "Finding Your Roots" will spotlight our county and its diversity with regard to our past history.

Page 26: CHC Comments for the THC

Q42 Share your thoughts on THC/CHC Outreach services that have helped your CHC.

THC Outreach services are a big help to our CHC. Frequent emails inform us of important events and programs. We are reminded of legislative action and state regulation concerning our operations and activities. We are directed to websites that are helpful.

Q43 If you'd like, share information not already submitted in this report. Feel free to comment on specific preservation issues--successes and/or challenges--in your county.

Our efforts to increase diversity in our CHC programs has been largely successful. Over the past three or four years we have increased our efforts with regard to African American history.

Because of the configuration of our county (very long and narrow) we find it difficult to reach out to everyone. Those in the southern part of the county identify with nearby counties more than they do with the northern part of their own county. This is caused by shear distance between the northern border of the county and its southern border.
